

**Mayor and Council Budget Public Hearing
FY 2014 Operating and CIP Budgets**

April 1, 2013 - Public Hearing #1

Speaker	Resident / Organization	Comment / Request
Steve Andrusky	Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee	Encouraged Mayor and Council to support the City's good roads by fully funding the City's Asphalt Repair and Replacement CIP project, which he stated was underfunded by about \$400,000.

April 15, 2013 - Public Hearing #2

Speaker	Resident / Organization	Comment / Request
Agnez Saenz	Executive Director, Community Ministries of Rockville	(Exhibit 54) Spoke on behalf of the Rockville Caregivers Coalition. Requested the Mayor and Council consider increasing the Caregiver Agency budget. Suggested that the budget should be 1% of the General Fund budget.
Janice Land	Resident	Discussed her experience with Interfaith Clothing Center and requested additional money for this program.
Priscilla Fox-Morrill	Program Director, Homeless Services and Housing	(Exhibit 55) Spoke on behalf of Interfaith Works and explained each of their programs. Requested fully funding the FY 2014 requests.
Barbara Smith-Brady	Program Director, Elderly Ministries	(Exhibit 57) Requested the Mayor and Council reconsider fully funding the Elderly Ministries' FY 2014 request of \$86,250 instead of the \$75,000 proposed.
Cecilia Rojas	Program Director, Latino Outreach Program	(Exhibit 56) Discussed funding the FY 2014 Latino Outreach request of \$84,400 instead of the \$75,000 included in the FY 2014 proposed budget or at the very least maintain funding at the FY 2013 adopted level of \$78,400.
Jim Marrinan	Program Director/Case Manager, Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic	Discussed the Kaseman Health Clinic program and its contributions to the community, including helping local businesses to keep their workers healthy and on the job. Requested that the Mayor and Council fully fund the \$100,800 requested for FY 2014 instead of the \$91,000 recommended for funding in FY 2014.
Lin Orrin	Mobile Medical Care	Introduced the Rockville Primary Care program and requested fully funding the FY 2014 request of \$15,000 instead of the \$8,240 included in the FY 2014 proposed budget. Mr. Victor Vasquez then described his personal experience using the healthcare services offered by this provider. Ms. Orrin noted that Mobile Medical Care now has a facility inside Rockville City limits where care is provided and invited the Mayor and Council to come take a tour.
Ann Baur	Rainbow Place Shelter	Thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support of Rainbow Place Shelter and described what the \$18,000 in FY 2014 proposed funding will be used to support.
Bob Eckman	Trustee President, Rockville Science Center	Requested that the Mayor and Council fully fund the FY 2014 request of \$35,000 instead of the \$20,000 currently in the FY 2014 budget. Described the FY 2014 programs/initiatives including the continuation of the Science Café and summer camps.
Soo Lee-Cho, Esquire	Rockville Science Center	Provided an update of the Rockville Science Center's quest for a permanent home. Requested that the Mayor and Council fully fund the FY 2014 request of \$35,000.
Chris Nooman Strum	Rockville Swim Center Advisory Committee	Discussed the Committee's full support of the Swim Center operating budget and the funded CIP renovations included in the FY 2014 proposed budget.
Mary Van Balgooy	Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation	Eric Ledbetter, President, thanked the Mayor and Council for their support over the years and shared a few of the things Peerless was able to achieve through the investment.
Philip Justice	Trustee, Rockville Science Center	Added additional points of vision for the Science Center to support fully funding the FY 2014 request. Requested that the Mayor and Council fully fund the FY 2014 request of \$35,000.
Marsha Douma	Resident	(Exhibit 58) Supports the FY 2014 CIP budget for the Swim Center and supports the renovations that are proposed for FY 2014 and FY 2017.

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April 29, 2013 - Public Hearing #3

Speaker	Resident / Organization	Comment / Request
Suzanne Sutton	Rockville Swim Center Advisory Committee	Thanked Mayor and Council for their support of the Bathhouse project, and was pleased to see the new Swim Center Renovations CIP project, stating that the installation of the bubble will allow year-round use. Encouraged Mayor and Council to observe people of all ages enjoying the use of the Swim Center.
Kathy Neale	Senior Citizens Commission	(Exhibits 60 & 61) Requested that the Mayor and Council increase the Senior Center Outreach Worker's position from 20 to 30 hours per week as the senior population has increased dramatically since the position was established in 1985. Stated that the services provided by this position enable seniors to live active, independent lives. Also requested that the Mayor and Council fund a \$6,700 increase to the Call N Ride taxi program and not reduce the number of books sold to seniors from 12 to 10 per year.
Scott Robbins	Human Services Advisory Commission	Expressed gratitude to the Mayor and Council for their continued recognition of human services. Noted that this is the first time in 12 years that caregivers have not been given an increase. Encouraged Mayor and Council to remember the neediest residents and workers in Rockville by increasing funding for nonprofits. Thanked Mayor and Council for supporting the RHE loan.
Julie Palakovich Carr	Resident	Encouraged Mayor and Council to maintain the \$4.5 million transfer to the CIP as a good first step in addressing the City's needed road, facility, and pedestrian improvements. Also applauded the Mayor and Council for their leadership in stormwater management, and encouraged them to continue efforts to have other governments pay the City's fee so that local residents and businesses do not have to make up the difference.

**Written Public Testimony
FY 2014 Operating and CIP Budgets**

Testimony Received from December 5, 2012 to April 30, 2013 (noon)

Exhibit	Name	Resident or Organization	Main Topic
1	Kim Jones	Nonprofit Village	Donate to the Nonprofit Village
2	Steve Andruski	Rockville Bike Advisory Committee	Fully funding road paving projects
3	Adam Zimmerman	Resident and Rockville Science Center Member	Suggestions to reduce the printing costs of Rockville Reports
4	Andrea Jolly	Rockville Chamber of Commerce	\$20,000 to continue Rockville Rewards
5	Robert Ekman	Rockville Science Center, Trustee President	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
6	Joyce Kilgore	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
7	JoAnne Barron	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
8	Patricia Miller, Ph.D.	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
9	Mehmet Kayaalp	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
10	Suman & Mahua Mukhopadhyay	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
11	Padma Tipparaju	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
12	Jennifer Ambrose	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
13	Lewis Eigen	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
14	Diane Kilcoyne	Resident and Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
15	Mary Reinhart	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
16	JoAnne Barron	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request and install a bus shelter at Azalea Drive, tennis court side of the street
17	Chuck Chatlynne, Ph.D.	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
18	David McGinnis, Jr.	Rockville Science Center, Treasurer	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
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20	Rebecca Firoved, Ph.D.	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
21	Eriko Clements	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
22	P. Sarkar	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
23	Anjali Lyer	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
24	David Roberson	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
25	Leah Brown	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request

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26	John Hope, Ph.D.	Resident and Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
27	Indira Konduri	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
28	Michael Thompson	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
29	Daniel Goldman	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
30	Anna Ganelina	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
31	Chun Phoebe Xu, Ph.D.	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
32	Nancy Nesvet	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
33	Petko Popov	Resident and Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
34	Amalia Levi	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
35	Gopal Gopinathroa, Ph.D.	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
36	Dorian Janney	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
37	Ann Attanasio	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
38	Kevin Attanasio	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
39	Diane Lee	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
40	Tim Fahey	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
41	Anita Rosen	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
42	Dr. Charles Gale	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
43	Dr. George Dimitoglou	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
44	Cynthia Grissom	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
45	Richard Hayman	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
46	Tony and Vicki Hitchins	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
47	Tim Fahey	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
48	Peter Lemkin, Ph.D.	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
49	Kim Pham	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
50	Judy Ackerman, Ph.D.	Rockville Science Center, Board Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
51	Maizie Cummings-Rocke	Resident and Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
52	Rodd McCreight	Resident and Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request

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53	Agnes Saenz	Community Ministries of Rockville	Set the Caregiver Agency budget to 1% of the City's General Fund budget
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55	Priscilla Fox Morrill	Interfaith Works	Thanked the Mayor and Council for continued support of Interfaith Works
56	Cecilia Rojas	Latino Outreach Program (LOP)	Fully fund the \$84,400 Latino Outreach Request
57	Barbara Smith-Brady	Elderly Ministries Program	Request an additional \$11,250 to fund the Safe and Habitable Home Program
58	Marsha Douma	Resident	Supports the Swim Center CIP projects included in the FY14 budget and encourages the Mayor and Council to maintain funding
59	Larry Schwartz	Rockville Science Center Member	Fully fund the \$35,000 Rockville Science Center Request
60	Kathy Neale	Chair of the Senior Citizens Commission	Increase the budget amount of the Taxi Program by \$7,000 in FY 2014
61	Kathy Neale	Chair of the Senior Citizens Commission	Increase the hours of the Outreach Worker position from 20 hours to 30 hours a week
62	Art Stigile	Resident	A supplemental employee contribution to the pension retirement plan to better split the additional costs of the plan between taxpayers and employees.



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Routed To: Mayor

☒ Council

☐ City Clerk

☒ City Manager

☐ City Planning

☐ Council Support Specialist

☒ Other *Gavin Cohen*

Stacy Webster

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December 5, 2012

Dear Friend of the Nonprofit Village:

How can you support multiple charities without going over your budget? By giving to the Nonprofit Village, the home to more than 15 nonprofits serving the people of Montgomery County. Your gift will help build the capacity of these organizations in many ways.

I am sure you know how important it is to operate efficiently in the business world. It's just as important for nonprofits, particularly the many small and emerging organizations serving the community. Many such organizations have found their way to the Nonprofit Village, where they can share space and services at a reduced rent. Providing that space and those services is the Nonprofit Village's mission, and in fulfilling it, we are helping to reduce operating costs in a professional workplace. The "Villagers" in our space are able to use the savings to develop or expand programs, purchase equipment, or increase staffing. The savings for a two-person operation can be more than \$5,000 per year.

What's more, they share space on a daily basis with other community-serving nonprofits, learning from one another, collaborating, sharing ideas, and more.

I am writing to you today to ask for your continued support of the Nonprofit Village. Through our efforts, organizations are able to rent professional space at below-market rates, share equipment, access a shared library of fundraising material, share the expertise of interns and access consultants at little or no cost. Providing these services allows our tenants to concentrate on their own programs. Your contribution goes directly to the operating costs associated with nonprofit development. Here is how your gift helps:

- \$50 will support the cost of a webinar for up to 15 nonprofit executives;
- \$100 will pay the cost for five people to be on a shared Internet connection;
- \$250 will buy a one-year subscription to a philanthropic journal;
- \$500 covers the cost of rent for two months for a small nonprofit.

So often, the measure of success for nonprofits is whether they are able to build a professional model of sustainability. The Nonprofit Village helps our tenants sustain and expand, improve their programs through training and development services, and we are proud to serve these groups as they grow and make a measurable impact on children, seniors, the arts, and the vulnerable in Montgomery County.

A network of nonprofits enhanced by sharing space and support services

You might be surprised to learn which organizations are housed in the Nonprofit Village. They provide services to seniors, help low-income county residents buy homes, provide afterschool programs for kids, combat domestic violence, help residents fight disease and manage pain, create music, promote literacy and more. You can find a full listing of our Villagers on our website at www.thenonprofitvillage.org.

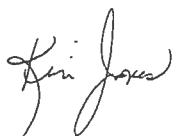
We promise your gift to the Nonprofit Village will be used to help these organizations in their work, providing efficient and professional support that helps the Villagers meet needs ranging from development to space for volunteers to meet, to an office to meet clients, to shared technology and meeting spaces.

I hope you'll be able to give generously, and that you'll accept our sincere thanks for investing in the Village and all the organizations it houses. The next time you see seniors at an art class, listen to a volunteer choral group, watch young girls running to build their health and self-esteem, or see the smile of a new homeowner, you will know that you helped touch lives in a direct way. You help grow these organizations because your donation is an investment in the future of the nonprofit community in Montgomery County, and in the future of people those nonprofits serve.

"It takes a village," goes the saying. The Nonprofit Village appreciates the many individuals and organizations that have helped in its growth. However, there is much more to be done and we need your help. You can donate via check, online, or by designating Nonprofit Village on the United Way/CFC campaign. I hope you will.

Thanks for your time and generosity.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kim" and last name "Jones" clearly distinguishable.

Kim Jones
Interim Executive Director

To donate online: www.thenonprofitvillage.org/about

Make checks payable to: The Nonprofit Village

RBAC Support for \$400,000 for Asphalt project at Budget Hearing on April 1, 2014

Good evening. My name is Steve Andruski and I am representing RBAC, the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak tonight. In the 1890's bicyclists were a large and vocal group of road users. Through the League of American Wheelmen (now known as the League of American Bicyclists), they were one of the first groups to lobby for road improvements in the US. At that time road improvement meant simply getting roads paved. The benefits for these improvements at the time were argued to be increased safety for road users such as cyclists and decreased costs for transporting goods. Much has changed over the last 122 years, but the importance of good roads to the safety and efficiency of our road users has not.

As our fellow cyclists did in the late 19th century, RBAC would like to voice our support for good roads and we encourage the City of Rockville to ensure that road paving projects receive full funding in the budget currently under consideration. All transportation projects are adequately funded for FY14 except the Asphalt Maintenance Capital Improvement Project, which is underfunded by approximately \$400,000. RBAC supports fully funding the Asphalt Maintenance Capital Improvement Project because a funding shortfall of this size would prevent the city from adhering to its 10-year routine maintenance cycle.

As the council knows, but for the record, asphalt that isn't maintained frequently enough breaks-down and can allow damage to the base layer of the road. Repairs to the base layer of the roadway are much more expensive in the long-run than adhering to a routine resurfacing schedule. In addition to the long-term cost savings provided by maintaining asphalt in a state of good repair, a well maintained roadway surface improves transportation safety for everyone. Safety is RBAC's main concern with regard to road maintenance. Cracks and potholes that are barely noticeable to a motorist and the 6-inch wide tires of a car may cause many more problems for a bicyclist and the 1-inch wide tire of a bicycle, such as flats, wheel damage or even falls. Avoiding pavement hazards may distract road users from other hazards, and may also require a cyclist to take more of the travel lane than might otherwise be necessary based on other safety concerns in order to avoid swerving suddenly. In addition to the safety and long term maintenance concerns, asphalt resurfacing also provides an opportunity to improve pavement markings such as lane lines and turn arrows, along with implementing new facilities, such as shared lane markings and pedestrian safety improvements consistent with the city's Complete Streets policy. Thank you.

Thank you for your kind words! We do strive to be as responsive as possible.

Your comments on the budget are much appreciated. I would encourage you to participate in the FY2014 budget process. You can see all about the budget and opportunities to participate by visiting our budget web page at <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget/>. We will be holding two more hearings, and taking written testimony as well.

Communication is a top priority for us in Rockville, so we thank you for your thoughts on this. The Mayor and Council did receive your emails as well, so they have the opportunity to consider your suggestions.

Thanks again!

From: Adam Zimmerman <zimadam@gmail.com>
To: MBerg@rockvillemd.gov
Cc: citymanager@rockvillemd.gov, clerk@rockvillemd.gov, financeinquiry@rockvillemd.gov, Info Tech <ir>
Date: 04/03/2013 05:39 PM
Subject: Re: Rockville Reports

Ms. Berg,

Thank you for your prompt reply. I am impressed overall by the quick response of everyone in response to my questions. It is heartening as a citizen to be represented by a responsive local government.

I will keep you posted as to how many issues of Rockville Reports I receive at my home next month.

So it looks like the mailing and printing costs for the year equal approximately \$75,000...which is less than 0.1 percent of the proposed city budget for FY2014. Nevertheless, in this era of austerity, every little bit of savings helps, and certainly adds up. In that spirit, as a concerned citizen, I would suggest the following two money-saving changes:

- * Provide Rockville Reports online as the default version. To address the concern of residents missing out on seeing an online-only version, provide a sign-up feature where residents can get it delivered to their email inbox each month (similar to utility billing), which would be a nice complement to posting it on the city website and a fraction of current printing costs.

- * Print a *limited* number of hard copies of Rockville Reports and place in strategic, popular locations, such as city hall, the police station, and the library. This would allow residents access to hard copies should they desire one, and at a fraction of the current mailing costs.

Thank you for your time, attention, and consideration.

Best,
Adam Zimmerman

On Wed, Apr 3, 2013 at 9:27 AM, <MBerg@rockvillemd.gov> wrote:
Mr. Zimmerman:

Thank you for your email. We appreciate your feedback about the double issues. We send Rockville Reports using "bulk mail" with instructions to the post office that one issue be delivered to each household and business. I will contact USPS and ask them to be sure to follow our direction. Thank you again for taking the time to let us know about this so it can be corrected.

The cost of providing 10 printed and mailed issues of Rockville Reports per year is as follows:
cost to print: \$31,423.53

cost to mail: \$42,857.50

Attachment B

The City currently provides Rockville Reports online, but there is no mechanism for folks to opt out of receiving the printed version. This is because we use bulk mail, which is much cheaper than first class mail.

We know from our citizen survey that Rockville Reports is our most popular form of outreach. Although it would be less expensive to provide the newsletter in an all digital format, there is concern that some of our residents would miss out on the information provided in it.

Thanks again for your feedback, and please let me know if I can answer any other questions.

Adam Zimmerman ---03/28/2013 10:41:12 AM---Good morning, My name is Adam Zimmerman, and I am a Rockville resident.

From: Adam Zimmerman <zimadam@gmail.com>

To: pio@rockvillemd.gov, clerk@rockvillemd.gov, citymanager@rockvillemd.gov, financeinquiry@rockvillemd.gov, infotech@rockvillemd.gov, mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov

Date: 03/28/2013 10:41 AM

Subject: Rockville Reports

Good morning,

My name is Adam Zimmerman, and I am a Rockville resident.

I have three questions about Rockville Reports:

- 1) How much does it cost to print and send each month's edition?
- 2) My wife and I each receive a copy. Wouldn't it save money to send only one per household?
- 3) How much money would the city save if only the online PDF was produced instead of that plus the hard copy?

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Adam Zimmerman



Requesting Funding for Rockville Rewards
rockville to: mayorandcouncil

04/04/2013 03:20 PM

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Dear Mayor Marcuccio and Members of the Rockville City Council:

Please find attached a request for continued funding for the Rockville Rewards Program.

Andrea

Andrea Jolly
President and CEO
Rockville Chamber of Commerce
1 Research Court, Suite 450
Rockville MD 20850
301-424-9300
cell 301-807-3766
www.rockvillechamber.org



April 4, 2013

Mayor Marcuccio and Members of the Rockville City Council
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mayor Marcuccio and Members of the Council:

The Rockville Chamber of Commerce requests \$20,000 in FY14 to continue the Rockville Rewards program. We are proud of what we have accomplished thus far and feel strongly that the program should continue for at least another year. We continue to make improvements to the program and have heard from many nonprofits about how this program is in helping them to raise money to accomplish their missions. We have also heard anecdotally from many businesses that the program is driving business to them. Thirty-six nonprofit organizations are participating in the program and during the first five months of the program, have raised more than \$22,000.

In addition to the number of nonprofit organizations that are participating, 102 businesses are currently enrolled in the program.

Thank you for considering this request. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached at Rockville@rockvillechamber.org or on my cell phone at 301-807-3766.

Sincerely,

Andrea Jolly
President and CEO

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL



April 9, 2013

Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

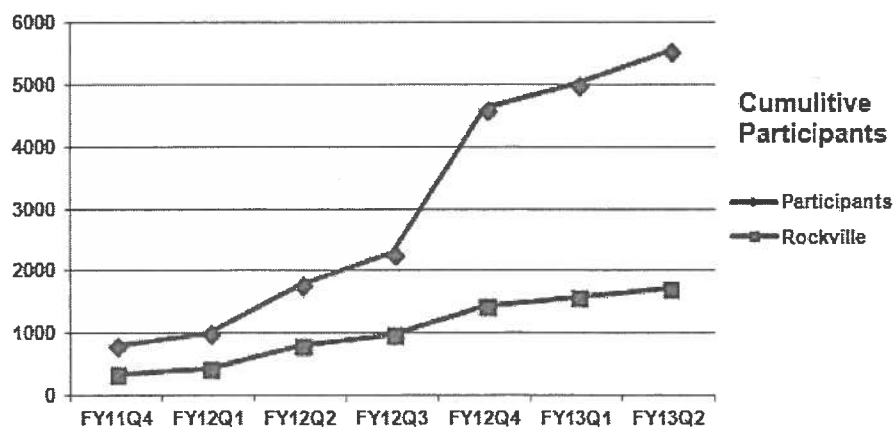
Subject: City of Rockville Budget FY14;
In Support of Full Funding (\$35,000) for the Rockville Science Center

Dear Mayor Marcuccio and Members of the Council:

For FY14, the Rockville Science Center ("RSC") has requested a grant of \$35,000 from the City of Rockville to maintain and expand our programs. The recently Draft Budget contains a suggested grant of \$20,000. While we are aware of the many needs that must be met in the City's Budget we ask that you help us meet our mission and grant the RSC the full funding requested. Our activities, we believe, represent a timely investment in our most precious resource – the curiosity and inventive spirit of our residents.

The Rockville Science Center is dedicated to inspiring a passion for lifelong exploration of science by cultivating a sense of inquiry, discovery and understanding of the scientific foundations of everyday life. To help us meet this mission the Rockville Science Center received a grant of \$35,000 from the City in FY12. In FY13, we again requested \$35,000, but only received \$23,500. We were able to maintain our programs in FY13 only because of the significant volunteer hours and efforts and other grants and contributions. We exceeded our performance goals in FY12 and we expect to do the same in FY13.

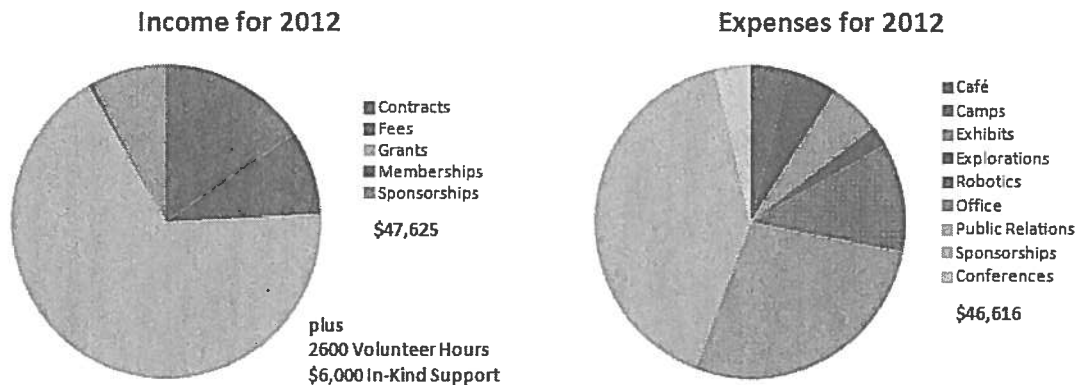
Since our incorporation in 2009, we have continuously grown by conducting a broad array of programs and providing resources to our partners. Our programs continue to draw people of all ages into Rockville. We have become recognized in the region as developing the science literacy of our community and providing a focus on science and engineering activities. As we move towards our goals, we are establishing a unique facility, not offered in surrounding communities.



We are committed to conducting a series of engaging and relevant programs for all citizens of Rockville. Since we don't have a facility yet, we operate as a science center without walls. During FY14, we plan to maintain our existing programs in Rockville, including our thought provoking Science Cafés, the Rockville Robotics teams and tournaments, trips through our Explorations program, exhibits at numerous local events, support for the Montgomery Science Fair, and our very popular science camps in robotics and geology. This month we have initiated a science café for high school students at the Universities at Shady Grove.

But these programs are just the beginning. We plan to expand them with a space science and astronomy camp, including the use of a mobile planetarium. We are working to establish a facility for people to experience science and engineering with hands-on activities, referred to as a STEM Lab. We want to see science expand into our parks and playgrounds with educational equipment and to trip the imagination of our younger residents. And we intend to establish a science clearinghouse for all the extensive opportunities in our area for exploring science and creating science careers. These program expansions along with our current programs are at risk because of insufficient funding.

We have managed all these programs through the commitment from the City, support from organizations and businesses, and a growing population of supporters and volunteers. Many of our programs recover partial costs and get direct support, but we need public funds to maintain effective communications of our programs and sustain basic operations. We don't want to risk losing the momentum we have achieved in advancing science awareness in our City and in the larger community through a variety of creative approaches that celebrate science and technology.



Your role in adopting the City's Budget for FY14 is one of setting priorities and balancing a number of important programs of interest to the City. The Draft Budget recommends funding to other outside agencies at levels that are almost all of what the outside agencies asked for (FY 2014 Proposed Budget, page 14 - 40). We would like to have the same consideration. The Draft Budget also assigns a significant amount of resources to sports, the arts, and entertainment. The City should also be noted for its promotion of science and technology.

If the Mayor and Council and City staff were to reread the City sponsored science center feasibility study from 2007, it would find an inspiring vision for making science, engineering, and technology part of the City's identity. This vision has served to move and motivate the many volunteers and supporters of the RSC.

As noted in the feasibility study, we have big plans. To meet our mission, we intend to grow well beyond what the FY14 grant will provide. We are working tirelessly to meet the many requests for activities year round requested by parents, students, teachers, schools, organizations, business and corporations. As our local and national economy improves, now is the time to increase our focus on development, to use our science and engineering heritage, and realize the full potential of Rockville residents.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Ekman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Ekman" clearly distinguishable.

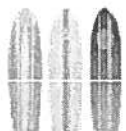
Robert Ekman
Rockville Science Center, Trustee President

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please accept the attached letter as our comments regarding the staff's Proposed FY14 Budget. We believe we have some very important issues to bring forward. We plan to make additional comments at the budget hearing on Monday, April 15.

Bob Ekman, Rockville, MD
Rockville Science Center
301-512-1278

[attachment "ScienceCenterFY14BudgetComments.pdf" deleted by Brenda Bean/RKV]



Re: FY14 Draft Budget Comments from The Rockville Science Center 

Brenda Bean to: Bob Ekman

04/09/2013 04:55 PM

Cc: mayorcouncil, Stacey Webster, Erica Tompkins, Gavin Cohen

Hi Bob,

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, thank you very much for your note. Your comments will be placed into the official record and considered by the Mayor and Council as they deliberate all matters regarding the FY14 Budget and Capital Improvements Program.

For your ready-reference, I have clipped the schedule of worksessions and public hearings on the budget before its adoption in late May.

<http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget>

We look forward to seeing you at the public hearing on April 15th and thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts with us. The Mayor and Council appreciate the feedback they receive.

Brenda Bean

Brenda F. Bean
Deputy City Clerk
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Rockville, Maryland 20850
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www.rockvillemd.gov



City of
Rockville
Get into It

"Bob Ekman"

Dear Mayor and Council,

04/09/2013 03:49:28 PM

From: "Bob Ekman" <bob.ekman@att.net>
To: <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Date: 04/09/2013 03:49 PM
Subject: FY14 Draft Budget Comments from The Rockville Science Center



I support full funding for the Rockville Science Center
JEK6 to: jhall, tmoore, bnewton, mpierzchala, pmaruccio

04/15/2013 01:54 PM

City of Rockville
Mayor and City Council
Members
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

RE: I support Rockville City for full funding for the Rockville Science Center

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

As a supporter of the Rockville Science Center, I urge you to approve full funding for the Center (\$35,000) in this year's budget. I and many others have benefited from the Center's programs and feel strongly that they are deserving of the City's financial support.

Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,
Joyce Kilgore
E" jek6@aol.com
T: (202) 271-5534



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request
JoAnne Barron to: pmaruccio

04/15/2013 12:17 PM

I urge you to fully fund the Rockville Science Center requested budget amount of \$35,000. It provides vital science literacy in our community. JRB



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request
Miller, Patricia A. to: 'pmarcuccio@rockvillemd.gov'

04/15/2013 12:00 PM

Dear Ms. Marcuccio,

Please continue full funding for the Rockville Science Café. It offers wonderful seminars that my students and I attend and would be a terrific loss to the community at large as well as the scientific community. Even if my students don't end up as engineers or scientists, they will need to be scientifically literate citizens guiding the world's future.

Sincerely yours,
Patricia A. Miller, Ph.D.
Biology, Genetics, and Marine Biology Teacher
Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science House
Poolesville High School
Poolesville, MD 20837



Rockville Science Center's budget request

Mehmet Kayaalp to: pmaruccio, mpierzchala, bnewton, tmoore,
jhall

04/15/2013 11:56 AM

Cc: Mehmet Kayaalp

Dear Mayor Marcuccio and Members of the City Council,

I strongly urge you to approve Rockville Science Center's request of \$35,000 for this year's budget.

Sincerely,

Mehmet Kayaalp, MD, PhD
10412 Montrose Ave Apt 202
Bethesda, MD 20814



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request
Rajit Mukhopadhyay to: pmaruccio@rockvillemd.gov
Please respond to Rajit Mukhopadhyay

04/15/2013 11:53 AM

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Suman & Mahua Mukhopadhyay
1812 MiddlebRidge Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20906



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request
Padma Tipparaju to: pmaruccio@rockvillemd.gov

04/15/2013 11:53 AM

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Sent from my iPhone



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request
Jennifer Ambrose to: pmaruccio

04/15/2013 11:47 AM

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Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request

Lewis Eigen to: pmaruccio, tmoore, jhall, mpierzchala, bnewton

04/15/2013 11:28 AM

The Rockville Science Center is about the only city provided facility or service that my family gets a regular benefit from. The unique thing about Rockville is the large number of excellent scientists who live here. This is great for them and their children, but even more important for non-scientists and their children. \$35,000 is a lot of money in tight times, but consider the total number of people who benefit throughout the year. It is far more cost effective than most of the events and expenditures of the city.

Thank you for your consideration.



Rockville Science Center

Diane Kilcoyne to: pmaruccio, jhall, tmoore, bnewton,
mpierzchala

04/15/2013 11:23 AM

City of Rockville
Mayor and City Council
Members
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

RE: I support Rockville City for full funding for the Rockville Science Center

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

As a supporter of the Rockville Science Center, I urge you to approve full funding for the Center (\$35,000) in this year's budget. I and many others have benefited from the Center's programs and feel strongly that they are deserving of the City's financial support.

Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,
Diane Kilcoyne
630 Goldsborough Dr
Rockville, MD 20850



Please approve full funding for the Rockville Science Center

Geri Reinhart to: jhall, tmoore, bnewton, mpierzchala,
pmaruccio

04/15/2013 11:22 AM

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

As a supporter of the Rockville Science Center, I urge you to approve full funding for the Center (\$35,000) in this year's budget. I and many others have benefited from the Center's programs and feel strongly that they are deserving of the City's financial support.

Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

This is a very reasonable request. Also, as the city of Rockville looks for ways to support its constituents, the Rockville Science Center is an important program for local businesses and residents. It highlights local science and technology businesses and supports STEM education. It should be an important part of Rockville's plan for the 21 century.

Sincerely,

Mary G. Reinhart
8505 Wilkesboro Lane
Potomac, MD 20854



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request
JoAnne Barron to: pmaruccio

04/15/2013 11:18 AM

I urge you to fully fund the Rockville Science Center requested budget amount of \$35,000. It provides vital science literacy in our community.

I also would like a bus shelter installed at the Azalea Drive tennis court side of the street for waiting bus travelers. JRB



The Rockville Science Center

Chuck Chatlynne to: jhall, tmoore, bnewton, mpierzchala,
pmaruccio

04/15/2013 11:18 AM

City of Rockville
Mayor and City Council
Members
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

RE: Full funding for the Rockville Science Center

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

As one of the many supporters of the Rockville Science Center, I urge you to approve full funding for the Center (\$35,000) in this year's budget. Residents of the City of Rockville—particularly youth—have benefited from the Center's programs and we feel strongly that the center is deserving of the City's financial support.

Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center

Chuck Chatlynne, PhD



Funding for Rockville Science Center

David McGinnis to: pmaruccio, jhall, tmoore, bnewton,
mpierzchala

04/15/2013 11:14 AM

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

Please read the attached letter supporting full funding (\$35,000) of the Rockville Science Center.

Thank you,

David F. McGinnis, Jr.
Treasurer, Rockville Consortium for Science



Rockville Science Center.pdf

April 15, 2013
17 Fairwood Court
Rockville, Maryland 20850

City of Rockville
Mayor and City Council Members
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

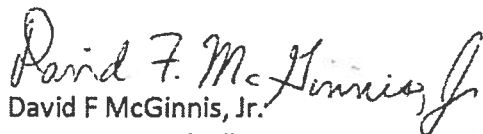
RE: Full funding by City of Rockville for the Rockville Science Center

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

As a member of the Rockville Consortium for Science, I urge you to approve full funding for the Rockville Science Center (\$35,000) in this year's budget. I, as well as many others, have benefited from the Center's programs and feel strongly they deserve the City's financial support.

Thank you for your past support of the Rockville Science Center. I look forward to your continued support of this very worthy endeavor.

Sincerely,



David F McGinnis, Jr.
Treasurer, Rockville Consortium for Science



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request

Firoved, Rebecca S to: 'pmarcuccio@rockvillemd.gov'

04/15/2013 11:09 AM

Cc: "mpierzchala@rockvillemd.gov", "bnewton@rockvillemd.gov",
"tmoore@rockvillemd.gov", "jhall@rockvillemd.gov"

I urge you to fully fund the Rockville Science Center requested budget amount of \$35,000. It provides vital science literacy in our community. As a high school teacher, I use Rockville Science Center for enrichment in my classes and they help to relate the use of science in the real world to our high school classes. Rockville Science Center is a great resource for the students of our community as well as to me as a teacher.

Rebecca S. Firoved, Ph.D.



I support Rockville City for full funding for the Rockville Science Center

Eriko Clements to: pmaruccio

04/15/2013 11:07 AM

Cc: mpierzchala, tmoore, bnewton, jhall

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

As a supporter of the Rockville Science Center, I urge you to approve full funding for the Center (\$35,000) in this year's budget. I and many others have benefited from the Center's programs and feel strongly that they are deserving of the City's financial support.

Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,

Eriko Clements



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request
paromita to: pmaruccio

04/15/2013 11:05 AM

I urge you to fully fund the Rockville Science Center requested budget amount of \$35,000. It provides vital science literacy in our community.

thanks,

P. Sarkar.



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request
Anjali Iyer to: pmaruccio@rockvillemd.gov

04/15/2013 11:03 AM

I urge you to fully fund the Rockville Science Center requested budget amount of \$35,000. It provides vital science literacy in our community.



RE: I support Rockville City for full funding for the Rockville Science Center

Roberson, David (NIH/NCI) [C] to: ,
pmaruccio@rockvillemd.gov
mpierzchala@rockvillemd.go

04/15/2013 10:59 AM

City of Rockville

Mayor and City Council Members

111 Maryland Avenue

Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

As a supporter of the Rockville Science Center, I urge you to approve full funding for the Center (\$35,000) in this year's budget. I and many others have benefited from the Center's programs and feel strongly that they are deserving of the City's financial support.

Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,
Dave Roberson

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david.roberson@nih.gov

Research Associate II
Cancer Genomics Research Laboratory
Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics
National Cancer Institute

Residence:
501 Hungerford Dr. #249
Rockville, MD 20850

**Support for the Rockville Science Center's request for full funding**

Leah Brown to: jhall, tmoore, bnewton, mpierzchala, pmaruccio

04/15/2013 10:55 AM

City of Rockville
Mayor and City Council
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

RE: I support Rockville City for full funding for the Rockville Science Center

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am an avid supporter of the City of Rockville and of the Rockville Science Center. I would like to encourage you to approve full funding for the Rockville Science Center's \$35,000 request for this year's budget. I and many others have benefited from RSC's programs and feel strongly that they are deserving of the City's financial support.

Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center and for your consideration for full funding today.

Sincerely,
Leah Brown



Funding for Rockville Science Center

jnhope to: pmaruccio, mpierzchala, jhall, bnewton, tmoore

04/15/2013 10:55 AM

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Mayor and City Council Members
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

RE: I support Rockville City for full fundingfor the Rockville Science Center

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Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,
John Hope, Ph. D.
7 Winder Court
Rockville, MD 20850



I support Rockville City for full funding for the Rockville Science Center

Indira Konduri to: jhall@rockvillemd.gov,
tmoore@rockvillemd.gov,
bnewton@rockvillemd.gov,
Cc: "info@rockvillesciencecenter.org"

04/15/2013 10:55 AM

Please respond to Indira Konduri

City of Rockville
Mayor and City Council Members
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 208

RE: I support Rockville City for full funding for the Rockville Science Center

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Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,
Indira Konduri
Montgomery County Resident
Maryland



I support Rockville City for full funding for the Rockville Science Center

Thompson, Michael U. to: 'jhall@rockvillemd.gov'

04/15/2013 10:54 AM

Cc: "tmoore@rockvillemd.gov", "bnewton@rockvillemd.gov",
"mpierzchala@rockvillemd.gov", "pmarcuccio@rockvillemd.gov"

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Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,

Michael Thompson
Physics Teacher
T.S. Wootton High School
Rockville, MD 20850



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request
Goldman, Daniel M to: 'pmaruccio@rockvillemd.gov'

04/15/2013 10:51 AM

I urge you to fully fund the Rockville Science Center requested budget amount of \$35,000. It provides vital science literacy in our community.

I am a science teacher in Montgomery County and I rely on the help that I get from the Rockville Science Center. It helps my students with the new STEM curriculum.

Thank you.

Daniel Goldman

Rosa Parks Middle School



Support for Full Funding of the Rockville Science Center

Anna Ganelina to: jhall, tmoore, bnewton, mpierzchala,
pmaruccio

04/15/2013 10:51 AM

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Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,

Anna Ganelina,
Registered Patent Agent
240-401-6635



RE: I support Rockville City for full funding for the Rockville Science Center

Chun Xu [Contractor, Foreign National]

04/15/2013 10:50 AM

To: hall, tmoore, bnewton, mpierzchala, pmarcuccio

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

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Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,

Chun Phoebe Xu, Ph.D.

Scientist II

DoD Biotechnology HPC Software Applications Institute (BHSai)

2405 Whittier Drive, Suit 200

Frederick, MD 21702

Phone: 301 619 0702

Fax: 301 619 1983

Email: cxu@bhsai.org

Web: <http://www.bhsai.org/>



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request

Nancy Nesvet to: pmaruccio

04/15/2013 10:49 AM

I urge you to fully fund the Rockville Science Center requested budget amount of \$35,000. It provides vital science literacy in our community, and encourages young and old to interact with scientists in our community, fostering a love and interest for science in the younger population and an ongoing interest in new developments in science for the older population.

Sincerely,

Nancy Nesvet



Rockville Science Center funding

Petko Popov to: jhall@rockvillemd.gov,
tmoore@rockvillemd.gov,
bnewton@rockvillemd.gov,

04/15/2013 10:49 AM

City of Rockville
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111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

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Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,

Petko Popov
758 Princeton Pl
Rockville, M 20850



Support for Rockville Science Center funding

Amalia S. Levi to: jhall, tmoore, bnewton, mpierzchala,
pmaruccio

04/15/2013 10:49 AM

Dear Rockville Mayor and City Council members,

My son and his friends are 10th graders at the Wootton High School and regularly attend the Rockville Science Center activities as part of their engineering program at school. As a supporter of the Rockville Science Center, I urge you to approve full funding for the Center (\$35,000) in this year's budget. I and many others have benefited from the Center's programs and feel strongly that they are deserving of the City's financial support.

Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,
Amalia S. Levi
240-413-3315



support Rockville science center

Gopal Gopinath to: jhall@rockvillemd.gov,
tmoore@rockvillemd.gov,
bnewton@rockvillemd.gov,
Please respond to Gopal Gopinath

04/15/2013 10:47 AM

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Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,
Gopal Gopinathrao, PhD
4 Teaneck Ct.,
N Potomac, MD 20878

"uLLondru vaittu puRam o~nRu pesuvAr uRavu kalavAmai veNDum:
Lord, bless me by keeping me away from interacting with bigots" -
Saint rAmalinga VaLLalAr



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request
Janney, Dorian W. (GSFC-612.0)[ADNET SYSTEMS INC]

04/15/2013 10:45 AM

To: pmarcuccio@rockvillemd.gov

I urge you to fully fund the Rockville Science Center requested budget amount of \$35,000. It provides vital science literacy in our community.

Thank you,

Dorian Janney
dorian.w.janney@nasa.gov

Education Specialist
Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM)
<http://pmm.nasa.gov/>

(office) 301.286-8912

GSFC, Bldg. 33, H 102
Greenbelt, MD 20771



Rockville Science Ceneter
Ann Pender to: pmaruccio@rockvillemd.gov

04/15/2013 10:26 AM

Dear Ms. Maruccio,

I write to ask you to continue to support Rockville Science Center. This is an organization that has encouraged and nurtured science in our children and community at large. Our daughter has done Robotics through Rockville Science Center as have many others in the community. Rockville Science Day is a HUGE success and has been a terrific opportunity to engage many more in science.

With such a positive return for the children and community, we ask that you please continue full funding of The Rockville Science Center.

Regards,

Ann Attanasio



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request

Kevin Attanasio to: pmaruccio

04/15/2013 10:16 AM

.RE: I support Rockville City for full funding for the Rockville Science Center

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As a supporter of the Rockville Science Center, I urge you to approve full funding for the Center (\$35,000) in this year's budget. I and many others have benefited from the Center's programs and feel strongly that they are deserving of the City's financial support.

Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,

Kevin Attanasio



RE: I support Rockville City for full funding for the Rockville Science Center

Lee, Diane L. to: pmarcuccio@rockvillemd.gov

04/15/2013 09:52 AM

City of Rockville

Mayor and City Council Members

111 Maryland Avenue

Rockville, Maryland 20850

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Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,
Diane Lee
Magruder Science Teacher



Re: Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request

Tim Fahey to: PMarcuccio

04/15/2013 09:38 AM

Thanks Phyllis,

We are going to be there tonight. Thanks. Tim

Best Regards,

Tim Fahey

Dirigo Agency Inc. | Branding and Design

Marketing/Communications for Rockville Science Center

Director, Marketing and Creative Services for Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

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"A big change in results requires a big change in action."

On Apr 14, 2013, at 9:48 AM, PMarcuccio@rockvillemd.gov wrote:

Thanks Tim. I will certainly support the request. You need to influence the rest of the council if you can.

Phyllis

Phyllis Marcuccio

Mayor, City of Rockville

On Apr 13, 2013, at 3:21 PM, "Tim Fahey" <tfahey@dirigoagency.com> wrote:

Hi Phyllis,

I know you are already in support of the Science center, but I urge you to urge your fellow councilmembers to fully fund the Rockville Science Center requested budget amount of \$35,000. It provides vital science literacy in our community. As you well know, I've been supporting them over three years for their Science Cafe, Geology Walks, Robotics Competition, Science Fair Judge, fundraising, and many other activities. I'm a long time City of Rockville Resident, and work here as well. We appreciate your support. Supporting the Rockville Science Center with the full funding and more will help galvanize Rockville's image as a major technology hub.

Best Regards,

Tim Fahey

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Marketing/Communications for Rockville Science Center

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web: <http://www.dirigoagency.com> |

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Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request
anitarosen to: pmaruccio

04/14/2013 10:33 PM

To the Honorable Phyllis Marcuccio;

I urge you to fully fund the Rockville Science Center requested budget amount of \$35,000. It provides vital science literacy in our community. I and many others have benefited from the Center's programs and feel strongly that they are deserving of the City's financial support.

Thank you for your past support.

Sincerely,

Anita Rosen
341 Soapstone Lane
Silver Spring, MD 20905



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request

Charles Gale to: Phyllis Marcuccio, jhall, tmoore, bnewton,
mpierzchala

04/14/2013 05:45 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

As a supporter of the Rockville Science Center, I urge you to approve full funding for the Center (\$35,000) in this year's budget. I and many others have benefited from the Center's programs and feel strongly that they are deserving of the City's financial support.

Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,
Dr. Charles I. Gale
Science Educator



Support Full funding for the Rockville Science Center.
George Dimitoglou to: Dimitoglou, George
Bcc: Phyllis Marcuccio
Please respond to dimitoglou

04/14/2013 01:37 PM

City of Rockville
Mayor and City Council Members
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

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Sincerely,
Dr. George Dimitoglou
11053 Seven Hill Lane
Potomac, MD 20854
301-332-5914



I support Rockville City for full funding for the Rockville Science Center

Cynthia Grissom to: jhall@rockvillemd.gov,
tmoore@rockvillemd.gov,
bnewton@rockvillemd.gov,

04/14/2013 01:04 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

As a supporter of the Rockville Science Center, I urge you to approve full funding for the Center (\$35,000) in this year's budget. I and many others have benefited from the Center's programs and feel strongly that they are deserving of the City's financial support.

The offerings have been appealing to science loving kids as well as adults. There is a disappointing amount of science oriented curricula for kids despite being surrounded by so many scientific institutions in this area. Please keep the Rockville Science Center going full throttle!

Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Grissom
301-466-6880



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request
Richard Hayman to: pmaruccio

04/13/2013 06:47 PM

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Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,

Richard Hayman



RE: I support Rockville City for full fundingfor the Rockville Science Center

ahitchins@verizon.net to: pmaruccio

04/13/2013 05:06 PM

Cc: jhall, tmoore, bnewton, mpierzchala

City of Rockville
Mayor and City Council Members

111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

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Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Sincerely,

Tony Hitchins, FDA (retired) and Vicki Hitchins, FDA Research Microbiologist



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request

Tim Fahey to: pmaruccio

04/13/2013 03:21 PM

Hi Phillis,

I know you are already in support of the Science center, but I urge you to urge your fellow councilmembers to fully fund the Rockville Science Center requested budget amount of \$35,000. It provides vital science literacy in our community. As you well know, I've been supporting them over three years for their Science Cafe, Geology Walks, Robotics Competition, Science Fair Judge, fundraising, and many other activities. I'm a long time City of Rockville Resident, and work here as well. We appreciate your support. Supporting the Rockville Science Center with the full funding and more will help galvanize Rockville's image as a major technology hub.

Best Regards,
Tim Fahey

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"A big change in results requires a big change in action."



RE: I support Rockville City for full funding for the Rockville Science Center

Peter Lemkin to: jhall, tmoore, bnewton, mpierzchala,
pmaruccio

04/13/2013 03:19 PM

City of Rockville
Mayor and City Council Members
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

As a supporter of the Rockville Science Center, I urge you to approve full funding for the Center (\$35,000) in this year's budget. I and many others have benefited from the Center's programs and feel strongly that they are deserving of the City's financial support.

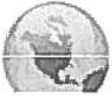
As a retired NIH research scientist, I know how important it is to encourage the public support of science in Montgomery County and to help provide additional support and provide role models for K-12 students interested in the STEM science areas.

Thank you so much for your past support of the Rockville Science Center!

Peter Lemkin, PhD

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Peter Lemkin, PhD
The Lemkin Group
<http://lemkingroup.com/>



Fully fund the Rockville Science Center \$35k budget request
Kim to: pmaruccio

04/13/2013 02:30 PM

I urge you to fully fund the Rockville Science Center requested budget amount of \$35,000. It provides vital science literacy in our community.

My husband, HT Than, and I are both owners of a patent law boutique in Park Potomac, MD. Despite of an abundance of resumes, numerous interviews, and internships, we have been unable to find attorneys with strong engineering, chemistry and problem solving skills. Our country needs more STEM talents.

We believe that the full funding of the The Rockville Science Center will enhance public interests and feed the future pool of STEM talents in this area. RSC will have a major impact on the economic viability of this area.

Please provide RSC with the full funding.

Thank you,

Kim Pham



Please support full funding of Rockville Science Center Request

Phyllis Marcuccio, jhall@rockvillemd.gov,
Ackerman, Judy to: Briget Newton, Mark Pierzchala,
tmoore@rockvillemd.gov

04/13/2013 02:17 PM

Dear Mayor and Rockville City Council Members,

As a member of the board of the Rockville Science Center (RSC), I urge you to approve the full funding request of \$35,000. Although the RSC is currently a virtual science center, through its partnerships and the efforts of countless volunteers, the RSC is able to extend its reach each year and provide programs that impact people of all ages. I am especially pleased that at Montgomery College we are able to host Rockville Science Day, a day of science exhibits and activities that attracts thousands of participants. Our students, faculty and staff are engaged in this wonderful event which is just one of the many programs that the RSC provides. Our board has been engaged in strategic planning so that we can expand the reach of our programs.

Sincerely,

Judy E. Ackerman, Ph.D.
Vice President and Provost
Rockville Campus
Montgomery College



Support Rockville Science Center
mc-rocke@juno.com to: pmaruccio, info
Cc: jhall, tmoore, mpierzchala, bnewton

04/15/2013 02:34 PM

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April 15, 2013

Mayor and City Council Members, City of Rockville
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Budget Support of Rockville Science Center

To our Honorable Mayor and Distinguished Council Members:

I understand that the City is proposing to reduce funding of the Rockville Science Center in the budget under consideration. I strongly urge that the city INCREASE this budget to \$50,000. Rockville Science Center has consistently expanded its programs annually since its inception and has maximized the most out of the funding it has received, providing a highly desirable service to the citizens of Rockville and Montgomery County. Its quality programs for all ages helps support a thriving and vibrant Rockville, stimulates the mind in thoughtful and challenging ways, and is especially relevant in today's highly progressing science and technological world. Its STEM programs for elementary through high school-age students has increased and people, organizations, and teachers are beginning to come to the Rockville Science Center for support and technical consultation. More so, the reputation of the Rockville Science Center has grown regionally, and in some aspects nationally as it has been a ground-member in making the National Science & Engineering Festivals, all of which reflects positively upon the reputation of this city.

The Rockville Science Center has shown its ability to do much to improve our citizen's lives in meaningful ways. As a fledgling organization, it needs your continued assistance to reach the next level. This city has made this possible. As tough as the economy is right now, I believe that this is time to make a concerted effort and support the Rockville Science Center with an increase to \$50,000.

I thank the Rockville Science Center for supporting my children's nascent interest in exploring all aspects of life and providing them opportunities to grow in ways that will support them throughout their lives no matter what they may chose to pursue. This is why I have always wanted to make Rockville my home, because it truly is a community with much to offer.

Sincerely,
Maizie Cummings-Rocke
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Rockville, MD 20850
301.251.1628 (not for public use)



Rockville Science Center support

Todd McCreight to: mpierzchala, pmarcuccio, jhall, tmoore,
bnewton

04/15/2013 03:13 PM

Cc: slcho

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

As a Rockville resident of 20 years, I encourage you to approve full funding for the Science Center (\$35,000) in this year's budget. It deserves the City's financial support.

Sincerely,

Todd McCreight
1584 Kimblewick Road
Rockville, MD 20854



Caregivers testimony on April 15

Mark Pierzchala, tmoore@rockvillemd.gov,
Agnes Saenz to: jhall@rockvillemd.gov,
bmatthews@rockvillemd.gov

04/13/2013 09:28 PM

Cc: Phyllis Marcuccio, Bridget Newton
Please respond to Agnes Saenz

History: This message has been forwarded.

Dear Mark, Tom, John and Barbara:

Greetings from Agnes!!!

I wanted to share with you all the theme of my testimony for Monday night representing the Caregivers Coalition. I had an opportunity to share it already with Mayor Marcuccio and Bridget at the Drop-in session last week.

On Monday, April 15, I will be testifying at the Rockville City Council on behalf of the Caregivers Coalition. I am using the theme and the concept that the city supports the Caregivers budget with 1% of the city's general fund budget which is currently 67 million dollars. Therefore, Caregivers budget would be \$670,000. The Caregivers budget is currently at \$595,000. So, with 65000+ or so we can make the difference. If every Rockville resident would give \$1 we can raise the money. So, the Caregivers Coalition wants to help the Mayor and Council to raise these funds by having a big Collection Bowl at Hometown Holidays. To start this process, on Monday night, I will present the Mayor and Council with a bowl with \$25 or so in \$1 dollar bills which are the first \$25 contributed by Caregiver leaders.

So, I will ask for your support to reach this goal eventually. It may not be doable for FY14. The Caregivers could take this Collection Bowl project annually at Hometown Holidays. I will ask for your support which can be in a variety of ways: to close the gap of what we raise, matching what we raise or make an increase in support of the Caregivers budget with the concept and goal of eventually reaching the 1% goal.

I want to give you heads up that some Caregiver representatives are testifying on their own on behalf of their agencies in addition to my overall group testimony.

See you Monday night.

Thanks,

Agnes

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April 15, 2013
Rockville mayor and Council
FY14 Budget Public Hearing

Good evening Mayor Marcuccio and members of the Rockville City Council:

My name is Agnes Saenz, Executive Director of Community Ministries of Rockville and Coordinator of the Rockville Caregivers Coalition.

This evening I am speaking on behalf of the Rockville Caregivers Coalition, a group of 26 Human Service providers in Rockville. Several people in the audience are here from the Caregiver groups that I would like to recognize. Please raise your hand.

First of all, I want to thank you for the City's continued support to Human Services. Rockville is a city that cares for the most vulnerable and your support to the Caregiver agencies is greatly appreciated. However, as Caregiver providers we continue to face challenges to do more with less.

Of the 26 Caregiver groups, 16 asked for an increase and 10 did not ask for an increase.

We are grateful that of the 26 groups, two are getting an increase and funding is being recommended for a new program. However, the bottom line for Caregivers remain flat and 5 programs are being recommended for decreases.

The total requests for FY14 from Caregiver groups are \$120,000 more than the FY13 approved budget.

I am here to present an idea to increase funding for Caregivers that I ask your support for. This is not the first time that you hear this but it has been a while since I mentioned it. On behalf of the Caregivers Coalition, I am bringing the message that we suggest that the Caregiver budget should be 1% of the City of Rockville General Fund budget. Currently the city's general fund budget is 67 million dollars, therefore, 1% of that is \$670,000. Currently, the Caregiver's budget is \$595,000 or 0.88 of a percent. So, we need to raise approximately

\$65,000. That is close to the city's population of 61,000 people. If every Rockville resident donates \$1, we would raise the difference to make the Caregiver's budget 1% of the city's general fund budget.

So, the Caregivers Coalition wants to help you raise that money and we propose to have a Big Collection Bowl at Hometown Holidays to raise the money. Right now it would be a pure guess to estimate how much we could collect. What I ask you tonight on behalf of the Caregivers is:

- Consider closing the gap, for example if we raise \$30,000+ would you increase the caregivers budget by \$35,000;
- Consider matching what we raise, if we raise \$10,000 would you match the same amount;
- Consider increase the Caregiver's budget by at least \$13,300 which is the amount of the decreases and reinstate the funds to those programs that need it or consider to honor some of the requested increases,
- Consider increasing funds in some amount to support the concept of eventually increasing the Caregiver's budget to 1% of the general fund budget.

During FY11 and FY12, the two prior completed fiscal years, all the Caregiver groups served in the range of 5,000 Rockville residents. A total of 4,909 Rockville residents were served in FY11, and a total of 5,107 in FY12. That is a 4% increase in the overall number of Rockville residents served by Caregivers.

The Caregiver Groups are serving 8% of the Rockville population, (5,107 out of 61,209) however; the budget to Caregivers is 0.88% (less than 1%) of the budget. So, I am not asking for 8% of the budget which is the total of Rockville residents served by Caregivers, but 1% and I ask your support to work toward that goal.

Thanks so much for the opportunity to speak tonight and in conclusion.

I would like to present the Mayor and Council a Collection Bowl with \$26 in dollar bills that represent the first contribution towards our goal of \$65,000 from the leaders of the Caregivers Coalition.

Good evening and thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of Interfaith Works. We are a Rockville-based, nonprofit agency and a non-sectarian interfaith coalition of more than 165 affiliated congregations of diverse faiths, working together to meet the needs of the poor and homeless in Montgomery County. Our programs shelter, clothe, and feed our neighbors in need and provide supportive services with the goal of helping them achieve self-sufficiency.

We come before the City Council today to ask for your continued support of and investment in our organization. We have found that despite the improving economy, the needs of vulnerable populations still persist in Rockville. We are proud to have been your partner for over 40 years, in both lean and flush times, and we thank you for your confidence by funding four of our programs in this budget cycle.

According to the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, requests for public assistance continue to be on the rise--applications for Temporary Cash Assistance increased 72%, Food Stamp applications increased 117%, and Medicaid applications increased 58% from FY07-FY12. In the county, almost 60,000 people live below the poverty line, 9% of those 25 years or older do not have a high school diploma, and 1006 people, 30% of whom are children, are homeless on any given night. The needs for many in our city are still great.

We would like to thank the City Manager for including Interfaith Works requests to fund four specific Community Service programs:

- **Horizon House** provides permanent housing for formerly homeless adults in homes scattered throughout Montgomery County, and is currently housing 25 adults. *10 Rockville*
- **Families in Action (FIA)** provides mentoring and case management services to needy families in Montgomery County. A group of people are trained to make up a volunteer mentoring team, who are linked for one year in a supportive relationship to a needy family in the community.
- **The Wilkins Avenue Women's Assessment Center** in Rockville provides emergency shelter and 3 meals a day for 65 single adult women.
- **Interfaith Clothing Center (ICC)** provides gently used and new clothing and homegoods to 13,583 qualified low-income residents of Montgomery County each year free of charge, enabling these families to use their limited cash resources for rent, food, utilities, medicine, and other basic needs. In the near future, the ICC will be moving from the Twinbrook Center in Rockville, and your support will help defray our moving expenses and our first year's lease payment to move the ICC and IW offices to another centrally-located facility.

Interfaith Works stands with the Rockville Caregiver's Coalition, an alliance of nonprofit service providers in the city, in requesting for a 1% increase for all service providers, which amounts to approximately \$60,000. Thank you for your time and we look forward to a continued strong partnership with the City of Rockville as we work together to meet the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors.

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Good evening Mayor Phillys Marccucio and City Council Members. My name is Cecilia Rojas and I am the Director of the Latino Outreach Program (LOP) of Community Ministries of Rockville.

The Latino Outreach Program offers English classes to adults and tutoring for their children. The parents and children enroll in the program together, and attend classes to meet their educational needs. The Latino Outreach Program also helps participants to become US citizens, offering US citizenship classes as well as help with the application process.

During this fiscal year 13, The Latino Outreach Program, has enrolled 303 adult students of whom 119 or 40% are Rockville residents. We are especially proud of our Rockville adult students because of their commitment and continuity. For example in the fall semester 83 City of Rockville residents came to classes and 74 or 89% finished the semester and 49 or 66% returned to the spring semester. One of LOP's main purpose is to have students continue their education and achieve their educational goals. We are happy to see that Rockville students come back and move to the next level.

We requested \$90,000 for FY14, and the funding recommendation is \$75,000, which is \$3,400 less than what we received in FY13 or \$78,400. Latino Outreach Program really appreciate any increase you are able to do, at a minimum to reinstate the \$3,400 from last year for a total of \$78,400.

I personally want to extend an invitation for this year's Latino Outreach graduation, which will be held on June 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Living Faith Lutheran Church.

Thanks very much for your continued support.

Elderly Ministries
Community Ministries of Rockville

Mayor Marcuccio, Members of the Council, Staff, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am Barbara Smith-Brady, Director of the Elderly Ministries Program of Community Ministries of Rockville. HAPPY TAX DAY

In a time where non-profits and their programs are experiencing a decrease in government funds, Elderly Ministries is especially thankful for the continued support from the City.

The Elderly Ministries Program consists of two programs. The Home Care Program that provides light housekeeping & personal care service to limited income seniors who reside in the City of Rockville.

I'd like to take a moment to talk about the Safe & Habitable Home (SHH) Program

The Safe & Habitable Home Program provides maintenance and minor home repair to homeowner's in the City of Rockville so they can remain safe and independent as they age in place. The Program coordinates efforts with many other organizations, including the Rockville Senior Center Outreach Worker and their Home Maintenance Coordinator, as well as the Rockville Home Improvement Program, Code Enforcement and Rebuilding Together Montgomery County. We refer clients to one another based on needs and funding. Our SHH Program complements the City's HIP by doing the lower-cost repair, maintenance and modification projects that improve the homes and neighborhoods of Rockville Resident's. The program uses volunteers where appropriate, leveraging our funding, and we hire tradesman when needed,

The SHH Program focuses on clients needing substantially less than \$2,000 worth of repairs. The Rockville Home Improvement program provides 'forgiveness loans' with typical repairs including roof and window replacement, plumbing and electrical upgrades; furnace replacement and kitchen and bathroom remodeling, providing up to \$25,000 in repairs to an applicant's home. The City's Program currently has 26 homes on its wait list.

The Safe & Habitable Home Program has very limited funding. Previously the program was funded from the CDBG Public Service part of CDBG. The program can not continue to assist this low income population with maintenance & minor home repair without your consideration. In FY12 the Safe & Habitable Home Program served 38 clients.

We ask that the council reconsider our request for an additional \$11,250 to fund the Safe and Habitable Home Program, so the Elderly Ministries Program can continue to the elderly homeowner's with the smaller jobs that we can do quickly.

Good evening. My name is Marsha Douma and I live at 616 Great Falls Rd. I am here this evening to ask you to fully support the CIP budget request by the Parks and Recreation Department to both upgrade the mechanical systems affecting the air and water temperature at the pool and to expand and modernize the locker room facilities.

I have lived in Rockville since 1977, and have been a regular early bird swimmer for about that long. I had never been a swimmer until moving to Rockville, and totally credit this wonderful facility with transforming me into a swimmer, which in turn has kept me fit and healthy.

Unfortunately, this past year, too often the experience is unsatisfactory. Despite the hard working efforts of the staff at the pool, the mechanical systems that operate the water temperature and the air temperature frequently breakdown.

That means when I wake up early in the morning to come to the pool, I never know if the water will be too hot, too cold or perfect. I never know if the air will be freezing or just right. Sometimes the water temperature has been so cold, that I have gotten to the pool, then turned around and went back home knowing how unpleasant the swimming would be. Sometimes the water might be the correct temperature, but the air is so cold swimming is possible but unpleasant. Sometimes the air in the locker room is

so cold the patrons huddle in the sauna to get dressed. Frequently, many of us take longer showers than we otherwise would need to, simply to warm up.

Additionally, the locker rooms need enlarging and upgrading. Due to the heavy use of the pool by the swim team, masters swimming, regular classes, and recreational swimming, depending on the time of day, the demand can exceed the existing capacity. Sometimes one needs to wait for a shower, and sometimes it is also hard to find an empty locker.

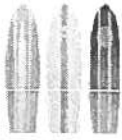
The understandable conversational buzz in the locker room is why can't the City manage to run the pool properly. I have also recently heard many a swimmer decide to use a different pool. Small fixes to the system have not worked. The only way to once again make the pool and fitness center the outstanding facility it used to be, and can be again, is to invest in the pool.

In conclusion, please fully fund the CIP. Let's make sure this unique facility, is once again worthy of our All American City.

Thank you for your time.

Marsha Douma

April 15, 2013



To:
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Fw: Science Center Budget Request
From: Brenda Bean/RKV - Tuesday 04/23/2013 10:47 AM

From: "Larry Schwartz" <lschwa01@gmail.com>
Date: April 22, 2013, 9:22:43 AM EDT
To: pmarcuccio@rockvillemd.gov
Cc: "Bob Ekman" <Bob.Ekman@att.net>
Subject: Science Center Budget Request

Dear Phyllis,

I have been personally involved as a volunteer with the Rockville Science Center since its inception and have met you a few times at our activities such as the recent "thank you" dinner and the Cafe. I know you support the Center and hope you will be able to encourage other members of the council to do so also.

Each year we support more activities than the previous year and each year we have increased attendance at our activities. The Science Center now has a facility and personnel that need to be supported. The budget request for the coming year is the same as last year, which is probably unknown in government supported agencies, even though we are taking on more responsibilities. The funds we need are only a small part of the city's budget but they support our efforts, which are in line with national policies, to help get more kids interested in science. Please help us by honoring our budget request.

Sincerely yours,
Larry Schwartz

To: **Rockville Mayor and Council**
From: **The Senior Citizens Commission, Kathy Neale, Chair**
Date: **April 22, 2013**
RE: **Call 'N' Ride Taxi Program for Rockville Seniors**

The Call 'N' Ride Taxi Program provides discounted taxi trips for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities. To be eligible for the Call 'N' Ride Program, you must have low income, and be at least 60 years of age or disabled. The seniors who participant in this program may purchase one taxi coupon book per month (valued at \$34) for \$4 to \$28 based on income and family size. Approximately 91% of the clients have incomes below \$15,000 and 80% below \$10,000. Currently, there are approximately **250 seniors** participating in the **Call 'N' Ride Taxi Program**.

The expenditures for the Call 'N' Ride books between FY 08 and FY12 have ranged from a low of \$44,590 to a high of \$55,310. This variation being due to the number of books sold from year to year and the amount of coupons really being used.

For the current Taxi Program to stay within budget, the staff is suggesting three changes.

1. Raise the purchase price \$1.00 for each taxi book.
2. Decrease the maximum income from \$54,000 to \$25,000.
(22 participants are within this higher income)
3. Reduce the number of taxi books each person is eligible to purchase from 12 to 10.

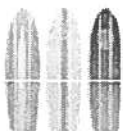
The Senior Commission has serious concerns about reducing the number of books each participant may purchase. The seniors who participate in this program use these coupons primarily for doctor appointments, medical treatments, as well as grocery and pharmacy shopping. These seniors would be

greatly impacted without access to the Call 'N' Ride Taxi Program.

Today, the current cost for taxi rides in Montgomery County is \$6 for the first mile and \$2 for each additional mile.

The budgeted amount for the Senior Taxi Program for 2013 and FY14 is \$45,300 for each year. The staff estimates the cost will actually be \$52,000 each year, leaving a shortfall of \$6700 each year. RSI, Inc. has committed to funding the shortfall for 2013 up to \$7000.

The Senior Commission is requesting you reconsider the budgeted amount for the Taxi Program for Fy14 and increase the budgeted amount by \$7000 to cover the additional cost for this much needed program. (Bringing the Senior Taxi Program amount to \$52,000 FY14)



Re: Senior Commission - Testimony April 29 FY14 Budget Hearing 

Brenda Bean to: Kathy Neale

04/23/2013 03:29 PM

Cc: mayorcouncil, Gavin Cohen, Stacey Webster, Erica Tompkins

Dear Ms. Neale -

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, thank you very much for your note. Your comments will be placed into the official record and considered by the Mayor and Council as they deliberate all matters regarding the FY14 Budget and Capital Improvements Program.

For your ready-reference, I have clipped the schedule of worksessions, and the remaining public hearing, on the budget before its adoption in late May.

<http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget>

Again, thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts with us. The Mayor and Council appreciate the feedback they receive.

Brenda Bean

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City of
Rockville
Get Into It

"Kathy Neale"

The Senior Commission is appreciative and th...

04/23/2013 01:02:53 PM

From: "Kathy Neale" <kkn22@verizon.net>
To: <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Date: 04/23/2013 01:02 PM
Subject: Senior Commission - Testimony April 29 FY14 Budget Hearing

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The Senior Commission is appreciative and thankful for the consideration and support you have always shown our Rockville seniors. At this time, we are asking your help in funding two very significant areas for our seniors. The first request is increasing the hours of our Outreach Worker by ten hours and the second request is increasing the funding of the Taxi Program for FY14.

Both of these programs dramatically impact the quality of life of vulnerable Rockville seniors. I look forward to seeing you and testifying at the Budget Hearing on April 29. Attached is the testimony I will be presenting.

Thank you,

Kathy Neale, Chair

Rockville Senior Commission



Outreach Worker Position Increase in Hours Request to Mayor and Council 4.29.13.doc



Taxi Program for Mayor and Council in progress 4.19.13.doc

TO: **Rockville Mayor and Council**

From: **Senior Citizens Commission, Kathy Neale, Chair**

DATE: **April 22, 2013**

RE: **The Benefits of Increasing the Hours of the Senior Services Outreach Worker from 20 Hours a Week to 30 Hours a week.**

As you know, the Senior Center offers a wide variety of programs and services. **One of the most important services we provide is helping keep the isolated, frail, at risk seniors connected to the vital community services they need allowing them to live healthy, independent lives.** The Senior Center created the position of Outreach Worker in 1985 (28 years ago) at 20 hours a week to serve the needs of our at risk senior population.

The senior population in Rockville has increased dramatically in the last 28 years. Seniors are the fastest growing population worldwide. The Rockville Census Results in 2010 estimated about one-third of the city's residents were over 50 years of age.

The **Senior Outreach Worker Program** helps prevent premature and unnecessary institutionalization of seniors and keeps at-risk seniors living independent self-sufficient lives.

Who are at-risk seniors?

- Isolated, frail, at risk seniors who often find themselves alone. They are desperate but don't know how or where to get the help and support they need
- Many have physical or mental disabilities.
- The majority are low-income and must worry about every cent.
- Many worked their whole lives and now find themselves overwhelmed by just trying to find a way to keep a roof over their heads, decent food on the table, their utilities turned on, and a phone by their bed in case of emergency.

- They are the seniors who without prompt and caring assistance, due to health and economic problems, face premature institutionalization or even homelessness.
- They are the seniors that need help filling out forms, applying for benefits, arranging for medical care or in home help, or other services as needed to live independently.
- They are seniors who are unsure of where to turn for help and assistance.

Martha McClelland assists these lower income seniors obtain these services and benefits (e.g., Medicare, SSI), senior housing, nutrition programs...you name it and Martha will work with and try and find the assistance and resources available for our at risk seniors. She provides counseling, serves as their advocate and educator, their case manager, and many times becomes their voice.

Time and again, self-sufficient citizens become concerned about their neighbors who may be becoming dangers to themselves. These neighbors call Ms. McClelland who is then able to visit and assess the elders in need.

The Senior Citizens Commission strongly supports increasing the hours for the Outreach Worker position from 20 hours to 30 hours a week. This will allow the number of seniors receiving customized information and the kind of assistance they need, to increase from approximately 480 to 650 seniors annually. In addition, the number of responses to general request will increase from 2500 to 3300 senior residents being served.

Both of these figures relate to a significant increase in the number of seniors being served.

In conclusion, I would like to say... the Senior Citizens Commission is grateful for the support you have given our senior community and we thank you for the opportunity to present the Senior Citizens Commission's position on the FY14 Budget.



Recommendation for 2014 Budget

Art to: mayorcouncil

04/29/2013 05:15 PM

Dear Mayor and Council,

I hoped to make this suggestion at tonight's budget hearing, but will be unable to attend, so I am sending it by email and ask that it be made part of the official record.

I encourage you to follow the recommendation of the City Services and Budget Work Group (Attachment C, page 7 of the report) to assess a Supplemental Employee Contribution to help eliminate the pension plan shortfall. The Actuarial Valuation Report for the 2014 Budget notes that the City continues to make progress at reducing the plan shortfall, but the plan is estimated to have an unfunded liability of \$22,699,019 (page 7 of the Actuarial Valuation Report). The City's policy is to amortize the unfunded liability in equal installments over 20 years. The cost to taxpayers in 2014 of the amortization payment is \$2,279,229. This exceeds the cost to taxpayers (\$1,639,318) of annual contribution from taxpayers for pension benefits earned during the year by current employees. In total, taxpayers will contribute \$4,212,438 to the pension plan. (See page 4 of the Actuarial Valuation Report for a summary of the cost to taxpayers.)

Mayor and Council have consistently funded the full amount of the required annual contribution to the pension plan. It's one of many responsible actions taken by Mayor and Council over the past several years to manage the City's outstanding liabilities. I'm sure it is one of the factors that has helped the City retain its Triple A rating. I fully support continuing to make these payments.

However, taxpayers should not bear the full cost of eliminating the unfunded liability. As noted in the report of the City Services and Budget Work Group and in the Actuarial Valuation Report, the pension plan includes a provision allowing the City to impose a Supplemental Employee Contribution on all employees whenever the City's contribution exceeds 6.5 percent of the earnings of employees. Because of the large shortfall in the pension fund, the City's 2013 contribution is 11.48 percent of earnings, which is well in excess of the 6.5 trigger.

The City has never exercised this option, and the reluctance to do so is understandable. However, the provision was included in the plan most likely to address a shortfall stemming from an extraordinary market retrenchment like the one in 2008/2009. I would note that the current underfunding stems fully from the 2008/2009 market crash. Taxpayers regularly paid the full amount of the required payment prior to the market crash, and pension plan assets more or less equaled the total liability in the years leading up to the market crash. I would also note that the investments that lead to the losses in 2008/2009 were overseen by the Retirement Board, which includes representatives of taxpayers and employees. Both groups have responsibility for the losses, but to date taxpayers have borne the full risk.

A table on page 8 of the Actuarial Valuation Report provides estimates of the supplemental employee contribution for 2014-2019. The amounts are substantial -- \$2.5 million for administrative and union employees, and another \$600,000 for police employees. Over the same period, taxpayers are expected to contribute an additional \$10.5 million over and above their regular annual contribution to the pension plan.

The minutes of the November 16, 2012 meeting of the Retirement Board show that Mr. Graby of the Hay Group discussed the supplemental employee contribution. The minutes do not indicate the Board's reaction.

I recommend that Mayor and Council begin to impose a supplemental employee contribution as permitted by the retirement plan. Sharing the costs of paying down the unfunded liability is fair to employees and taxpayers, and it recognizes that employees have a stake in maintaining the fund's solvency.

Regards,

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